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GEN. THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO[1] TO MAJ. ALEXANDER GARDEN.[2]

21 Dec 25

Addressed : Alexanr Garden. Esqe
Charleston
South Carolina

Philadelphia 17th Decemr 1797[3]

Sir

I am very sinsible of the honour you do me, and send you in return my warmest thanks, as well to your amiable handsome Lady, wyth my respetts ; I am sorry to hear that the time

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[1] Kosciusko, Thaddeus (Poland). Colonel-Engineer, 18th October, 1776 ; 'brevet Brigadier-General, 13th October, 1783, to signify that Congress entertain a high sense of his long, faithful and meritorious services.' Served to close of war. (Died 16th October, 1817.)"—*Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army* (F. B. Heitman).

Kosciuszko served in South Carolina as colonel of engineers, on Gen. Greene's staff, and planned the American approaches to the British works at Ninety Six during Greene's siege of that post May 22d-June 20th, 1781.

[2] Major Alexander Garden, born December 4, 1757 (St. Philp's Register), was the son of Dr. Alexander Garden the distinguished physician, naturalist and botanist (See Ramsay's *History of South Carolina*, vol, II, p. 469. January, 1901, magazine, p. 93), the author of *Flora Caroliniana*. His mother was Elizabeth Peronneau, of Charles Town, who died at Cheltenham, England, in March, 1895, in the 67th year of her age (*City Gazette*, July 25, 1805). Dr. Garden, who was born about 1728, and came to South Carolina about 1750, was the son of Rev. Alexander Garden of the parish of Birse, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, a clergyman of high respectability, who, during the rebellion of 1745, was distinguished by his exertions in favor of the family of Hanover, and still more so by his humane interposition in behalf of the followers of the House of Stuart after their defeat at Colloden (See McCrady's *History of South Carolina under the Royal Government*, 415-16), and was never pastor of the Scotch Church in Charles Town as stated in the January issue of this magazine.

Major Garden was educated at Westminster and the University of Glasgow, and was admitted to Lincoln's Inn as barrister in 1779 ; returned to South Carolina in 1780, and became a cornet in Lee's Legion, and from March, 1781, to the close of the Revolution

was so ungenerous to dymnishe the number of my acquientences, however to thos steal in life be pleased to present my Compliments, more particularly to C^ls^ Grimke,[4] Shoubrick,[5] Mr Scott in James Island, or to his Wife, where j was treated wyth afection, friendship and nursed like their one Child—do not forget Major Edwards[6] who have done me the honour to write Colo Washington,[7] Major Moris,[8] and to their Ladies I beg Mrs Moris to send a dish of Coffie and such as j tasted at Accabie [9]—I have

The Honour to be

Your

Most Humb^le^ and Obedient

Servant T: Kosciuzko

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served as a volunteer Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Greene; married, at John's Island, May 13, 1784, Mary Anna, daughter of Robert Gibbes; died childless February 24 1829. He adopted Alexander Gibbes (son of Wilmot S. Gibbes) who took the name of Garden. He was the author of *Anecdotes of the Revolutionary War* (Charleston, 1822), and *Anecdotes of the American Revolution* (Charleston, 1828), which constituted a "second series." An abridged and vitiated edition of both was reprinted in Brooklyn in 1865.

[3]Kosciuszko was at that time on a visit to the United States. (See Appleton's *Cyclopædia of American Biography.*)

[4]John F. Grimké, who mustered out of the Continental Army as lieutenant-colonel of the South Carolina artillery regiment (4th).

[5]Thomas Shubrick, sometime captain in the 2d South Carolina Continental Regiment, Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Greene in 1781.

[6]Evan Edwards, Major of the 4th Pennsylvania Continental Regiment from January 17, 1781, to his retirement, January 1, 1783; settled in South Carolina at the close of the Revolution.

[7]Col. William Washington.

[8]Major Lewis Morris, Jr., formerly of Gen. Greene's staff, who remained in South Carolina after the Revolution, and was one of the original members of the South Carolina Society of the Cincinnati. He was the son of Lewis Morris, of Morrisania, N. Y., a signer of the Declaration of Independence. "Morris, Lewis Jr. (N.Y.) Brigade Major New York Militia, 7th June, 1776; Major Aide-de-Camp to General Sullivan, 4th August, 1776, to November, 1779; brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel Continental Army by the act of 9th September, 1778, 'for bringing forward to Congress the account of the repulse of the British forces on Rhode Island on the 29th of August last, and who, on the late expedition, as well as on several other occasions, behaved with great spirit and good conduct.' Aide-de-Camp to General Greene, November, 1779, to close of war."—*Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army* (F. B. Heitman.)

[9]Accabee—a beautiful old plantation home near Charleston, formerly owned by the Elliott family. Maj. Morris married a Miss Elliott.